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- 1. I MET WITH LUIS GARCIA AT MINREX FIRTH THING THIS MORNING, MARCH 15, TO OUTLINE SCENARIO PROVIDED REFTEL. HE PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ME WITH OFFICIAL GOC REACTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, RECOGNIZING THAT WE MAY TRY TO EFFECT THIS MOVEMENT ON MARCH 16.
- 2. GARCIA'S IMMEDIATE PERSONAL REACTION WAS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT PATENTLY SHORT INTERVAL ON THE GROUND IN KINGSTON AND USE OF U.S. CHARTER AIRCRAFT RATHER THAN SCHEDULED AIRLINE TO U.S. I COMMENTED THAT BOTH FEATURES HAD ADVANTAGE OF FACILITATING MOVEMENT WITH MINIMUM RISK OF UNFORTUNATE NOTORIETY AND SLIP-UPS, WHICH JAMAICAN OFFICIALS WISH TO AVOID AS MUCH AS WE DO. I ALSO STRESSED FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF PLAN: A. MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY ON PART OF THE FUGITIVES.
- B. JAMAICA POLICE WILL BE IN THE AREA BUT WILL STAY IN BACKGROUND.

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C. US SECURITY AGENCT WILL REMAIN ABOARD CHARTER AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES.

D. JAMAICANS AGREE WITH US TO AVOID PUBLICITY.

3. IF CUBANS CONCUR, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE ADHERE TO ABOVE FEATURES. IF CUBANS OBJECT TO USE OF CHARTER, I ASSUME WE WILL REVERT TO REGULAR EASTERN FLIGHT. IF THEY OBJECT

TO SHORT TURNAROUND IN KINGSTON, WE MIGHT CONSIDER SOME FORMULA FOR FUGITIVES TO OVERNIGHT THERE; GOC MIGHT ALSO PREFER THAT CHARTER IF USED AT ALL ARRIVE KINGSTON AFTER FUGITIVES DO.

4. INFORMATION AND COMMENTS REQUESTED PARAS 3 AND 4 REFTEL WILL BE PROVIDED ASAP AFTER WE TALK TO FUGITIVES AGAIN ON BASIS THIS SCENARIO. LANE

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